(b) In terms of National Health Policy (1983), the target birth rate for the country by the year 2000 AD is 21 (per 1000 population).

(c) According to the Planning Commission estimates the target of Net Reproduction Rate (NRR) of 1 is likely to be achieved by 2011-2016 A.D.

(d) The additional measures taken, inter-alia, include the following :

(i) Under the Social Safety Net Scheme, additional financial support to 90 districts having higher birth rate;

(ii) Externally aided projects in states having high growth rates,

(iii) Implementation of Family Welfare Programme on the basis of target free approach effective from 1996-97 with emphasis on quality of care and clients' satisfaction;

(iv) Increased involvement of Non Governmental Organisations (NGSOs); and

(v) Integrated Reproductive Child Health (RCH) Package.

(e) and (f). A Constitution (Seventy Ninth Amendment) Bill, 1992 which disqualifies prospectively a person having more than two children from being a member of either House of Parliament or either House of Legislature of a State, has been recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development to be passed.

Bridge Over Yamuna

1274 SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a pucca bridge in place of the pantoon bridge on river Yamuna at Chilla ghat Banda Marg in Fatehpur district in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Constitutionally, the Central Government is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only and all other roads are the responsibility of respective State Governments. As the bridge in question is not on National Highways network its construction is the responsibility of State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

Central Water Commission

1275. SHRI ANAND RATN[illegible] Minister of WATER RESO[illegible]

(a) the number of [illegible]cial languages Act in his Ministry and in the Central Water Commission during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for such violations and the acion taken in this regard;

(c) whether incidents of such violation in the Ministry and its attached offices are still continuing, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, the reasons for providing more staff facilities to 'Bhagirath' (English version) in comparison to 'Bhagirath (Hindi version) as also reasons for depriving the Hindi Journal of necessary facilities; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation by stopping such violations of the official languages Act and by putting an end to utter disregard of Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No violation of the Official Language Act in the Ministry of Water Resources or the Central Water Commission during the last three years has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c). The question does not arise.

(d) Similar staff and other facilities for both Hindi and English edition of Bhagirath have been provided.

(e) The question does not arise.

Admission in Colleges in Delhi

1276. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned "Sath Pratishat Se Neeche Walon Ko to Dhakhila Hi Nahin Milnewala" appearing in Jansatta dated June 17, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether only those students who have secured more than 60% marks are likely to get admission in colleges; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that all the students get admission in regular classes irrespective of their percentage of marks secured by them in Twelfth class?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). According to the information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education 65,435 students have passed class XII examination from Delhi Zone this year. Most of these students would have applied for admission to under-graduate courses in Delhi

Colleges. Besides, Delhi University, being a prestigious institution, attracts students from all over the country. As almost every student applies for admission to more than one course and in more than one college simultaneously, the number of students who applied for admission and the number of those who have not been able to secure it cannot be stated precisely. However, as in the previous years, the University should be in a position to accomodate almost all the eligible candidates in the Colleges, the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board, the School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education and the External Candidates Cell.

Relations with Neighbouring Countries

1277. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN Alias PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive action plan has been chalked out or being chalked out to strengthen further relations with neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to convene an all party meeting to formulate an action plan with a view to strengthen relations with these countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Government accords highest priority to sustaining and further strengthening relations with our neighbours and is committed to expanding coopertion with them in all spheres of bilateral relations. Action plans are prepared annually for each neighbouring country which take into consideration past performance and future scope.

(c) to (e). There is a national consensus on the above policy approach and Government is in regular touch with all sections of public opinion about further improving and deepening relations with all our neighbours.

[English]

Engineering College in D.A. University

1278. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accorded sanction to start an Engineering College in Devi Ahilyabhai University from the current Academic Session; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started and the details of courses, proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has accorded a conditional approval to Devi Ahilyabhai University for establishment of the Institute of Engineering and Technology to conduct 4 years degree courses in Computer Engineering, Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering and Mechnical Engineering with an intake capacity of 60 students each for the session 1996-97.

Admission in Medical Colleges

1279. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of students of Jammu and Kashmir who have been given admission in different medical colleges of the country during the last three years, Medical College-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : The Government have no information about number of students from Jammu and Kashmir state who have got admission in different medical colleges of the country. However, 29 MBBS seats were allocated to Jammu and Kashmir state from out of the Central Pool during 1993-94 and 1994-95, college-wise details are given in the given Statement.

STATEMENT

Allocation of MBBS seats to the State of Jammu and Kashmir from out of the Central Pool.

1993-94 Session

S.No	Name of the College	Number of seats
1	2	3
	Delhi	
1.	Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi	3 (three)
2.	Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi	1 (one)
	Bihar	
3.	Rajendra Medical College, Ranchi	2 (two)
4.	Nalanda Medical College, Patna	2 (two)
	Haryana	
5.	Medical College, Rohtak	1 (one)
	Madhya Pradesh	
6.	Medical College, Bhopal	3 (three)
7.	Medical College, Jabalpur	2 (two)